**Rule of Thirds Assignment**



Title: Game View

Tags: football, game view, sidelines

I believe that this photograph fits the rule of thirds category. The gentlemen pictured fall closely on the left and right vertical lines. The symbols at the top of the chains fill the top portion of the picture and are close to where the lines intersect. The eye is drawn to the number one and the ball marker. I liked the way that you could tell that this was related to football without focusing on the actual football. In the distance you can see a blurred image of the football, the players’ legs, and the face of the coach.  
  
Before taking this class I had never heard of the rule of thirds. This is one of the first photographs I took using the rule of thirds grid on my camera. I really had never thought much about taking pictures except for noticing what was in the background. Now I find that I am constantly assessing the areas around me and how they would or would not fit the rule of thirds. I am glad that I understand this concept now, and I am excited to continue to take photographs using this concept.  
  
  
Self Evaluation

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| Composition | Photograph uses composition principles very effectively. | Photograph does a good job using composition principles. | Photograph does a poor job using composition principles. |
| Focus | Focus is a perfect match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is an adequate match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is a poor match with the concept of the shot. |
| Technical Aspects | Shutter speed and aperture were perfectly chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were adequately chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were poorly chosen and do not match the concept. |
| Depth of Field | Excellent use of depth-of-field. | Adequate use of depth-of-field. | Poor use of depth-of-field. |
| Title/tags | Title and tags were perfectly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are excellent with no mistakes. | Title and tags were adequately chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are good with only minor errors. | Title and tags were poorly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Contains multiple spelling errors or wrong word choices. |
| **Instructor evaluates this section** | | | |
| Self Critique | Excellent self-assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate self-assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor self-assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Critique | Excellent peer assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate peer assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor peer assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Comments | Peer comments exceed expectations. | Peer comments meet expectations. One or two comments might be missing. | Three or more peer comments were missing, incomplete or poorly written. |
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| Total Points | >89% (45-50 pts.) | 80 – 89% (40 - 44 pts.) | <80% (<40 pts.) |



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Critique Comments: Jacki, your daughter is adorable. I think you did a good job representing the rule of thirds assignment. I do have a couple of suggestions for you. It looks like you took this photo from above; maybe that is what you were going for. I would be eye level with her the next time I do a profile shot. This would give it an even better feeling. Also move closer to the subject so there is less cropping to do, i.e. cropping out her hands. I think this way you will get a better depth of field as well. I'm learning so much from viewing everyone's photos, and I am beginning to enjoy taking that "great" shot!!! I look forward to seeing your other photos.

Comments for Peers:

Emily-Donna, I love seeing photos of Starr's Mill!! I think you have done a good job capturing the beauty of the falls and adhering to the rule of thirds. I have wanted to go and take photos there myself, but I haven't had much time by myself lately in order to do so. Maybe I can catch some shots when the leaves are really beginning to change. Again, I think you did a good job with the rule of thirds photo.

Emily-Kevin, when I first looked at your picture, it reminded me of an expensive fur coat. The marbling effect of the lichen made me look back at your photo a few times. I do like how this photo shows the rule of thirds and depth of field. I look forward to seeing your other photos.

Emily-Michael, I really like this photo! This photo demonstrates that you understand the rule of thirds. I especially like how you left room for the player to run. I look forward to seeing more of your photos.